

REMARKS

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim because of an informality. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the informality.

35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103 Rejections and Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's allowance of claims 13-17 is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner indicated that claims 6-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 now includes the limitations of claims 6.

The other claims depend from claim 1.

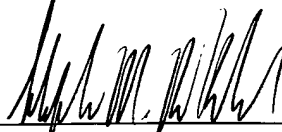
Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Stephen M. De Klerk at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested is

hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account No.
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Respectfully submitted,

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